



## Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council

September 30, 2013

Greetings from the Alaska Native Language preservation & Advisory Council:

The newly formed Alaska Native Language Preservation & Advisory Council is writing to seek your input. The ANLPAC was formed by the Alaska Legislature in 2012 and we are beginning to gather information from around the state on the status of Alaska Native languages.

Will you please take a moment to fill-out the enclosed short questionnaire about Alaska Native language programs in your school or town for the Alaska Native Language Preservation & Advisory Council. Please answer to the best of your knowledge and return the form by mid-October.

If you are not sure how to answer a question, please contact us and we are happy to help you answer questions, or help you fill it out.

The Alaska Native Language Preservation & Advisory Council was created by the Alaska Legislature during the 27<sup>th</sup> Legislature to advise both the Governor and Legislature on programs, policies, and projects to provide for the cost-effective preservation, restoration, and

revitalization of Alaska Native languages in the state. Information from this questionnaire will be included in the report to the Governor and Legislature for their consideration.

Many of our languages are not being spoken, resulting in language loss. The questionnaire will help us to gain a comprehensive assessment of programs throughout the state; learning how each is doing and share the information with others, if approval is given.

Additionally, information gathered from this survey will be shared with the Governor and Legislature with hopes to develop more Alaska Native language programs. Many people have asked about other language programs or projects around the state, about successes and failures and to learn from others. Information you provide will help us to develop best practices for others to create programs in their own towns.

*The mission of the Alaska Native Language Preservation and Advisory Council is to advocate for the survival and revitalization of Alaska Native languages through collaboration and sharing for all.*

Sen. Donald Olson  
(Inupiaq)

Rep. Benjamin Nageak  
(Iñupiaq)

Walkie Charles,  
Chair (Yup'ik)

April Counciller,  
Vice-Chair (Alutiiq)

Delores Churchill (Haida)

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Alvanna-Stimpfle (Inupiaq)

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(Athabascan, Alutiiq, Yup'ik)

We look forward to receiving your response. Once again, thank you for your input into this valuable project. If you have any questions or comments please contact staff by phone at (907) 269-0434 or email [anlpac@alaska.gov](mailto:anlpac@alaska.gov).

Sincerely,

ALASKA NATIVE LANGUAGE PRESERVATION & ADVISORY COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walkie Charles", with a stylized, cursive script.

Walkie Charles, Chair